

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS  
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W2-3776(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann  
Secretary of State  
Post Office Box 136  
Jackson, MS 39205  
AND  
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 2, 2008, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following regulation pertaining to turkey hunting. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29 and 49-7-31.2, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered Public Notice Number W1 3776 is hereby amended as follows:

**Spring Season**

March 14, 2009 - May 1, 2009, in all counties **except the following closed counties or parts thereof:**

**Desoto** - South of Hwy. 304 and Holly Springs Rd., and west of Hwy 305;

**Leflore** - West of Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 49E and north of Moorehead Road and south of Hwy. 442;

**Sunflower** - South of Hwy. 442 and east of Hwy. 3 and Hwy. 49W and north of Berclair Road;

**Tate** - North of Hwy. 4 and west of May Rd., Deantown Rd., Poagville Rd., Anitoch Rd., Greenleaf Rd., and Smith Rd.;

**Tunica** - East of Hwy 3.

BAG LIMIT: 1 adult gobbler or 1 gobbler with a 6 inch or longer beard per day, 3 per spring season. **EXCEPTION: FOR HUNTERS 15 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER**, one of the 3-bird bag limit (which includes the youth hunt and the regular spring season combined) may be any gobbler regardless of beard length.

**Youth Turkey Hunt\***

March 7, 2009 - March 13, 2009 on **private lands only** in those areas open for turkey hunting.

BAG LIMIT: See Spring Season bag limit.

- \* Persons eligible to participate in this special hunt are those who are fifteen (15) years of age or younger. A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by the department before hunting in this state or be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when hunting. A child under the age of twelve (12) must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when the child is hunting. A licensed hunter supervising a child as provided in this section must hold a valid Mississippi license for the species being hunted.

**U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers managed lands:**  
These lands are authorized to provide youth turkey hunting opportunities on days designated by Federal Regulations. Contact local National Wildlife Refuge or Corps of Engineers managers for details.

**Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons:**

**Season Dates:**

October 15- November 15, 2008

**Open Areas:**

In the following counties or portion of counties, on private lands with a minimum of 100 acres, and where the landowner/leaseholder completes a fall turkey hunting application and provides a copy of the property deed or lease agreement at an MDWFP district office or the Jackson office.

***Delta Zone:***

Bolivar County - west of the main Mississippi River levee and those lands east of the main Mississippi River levee known as 27 Break Hunting Club;

Coahoma, Desoto, Issaquena, Tunica, and Washington Counties - west of the main Mississippi River levee; and,

Warren County - only on Davis Island, King's Point, and Brown's Point.

***North-Central Zone:***

Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Tippah, and Union Counties.

***Southwestern Zone:***

Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Warren, Wilkinson, and Yazoo Counties.

**Tags:**

A minimum of 100 contiguous acres must be owned or leased to receive a fall either-sex turkey tag. Fall either-sex turkey tags will be issued at a rate of one tag per 500 acres or part thereof.

Tags are issued to a specific property and can only be used on that property. Tags must be attached immediately following harvest, prior to moving the turkey. Tags should remain attached to the turkey until it is processed.

**Bag Limit:**

Two turkeys of either sex

**Legal Weapons:**

Archery and shotguns with shot no larger than number two.

**Harvest Reporting:**

The contact person listed on the fall turkey hunting application must complete and submit a harvest report provided by the MDWFP by January 1, 2009. Failure to comply may result in denial of application for fall turkey hunting in future years.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 2, 2008.

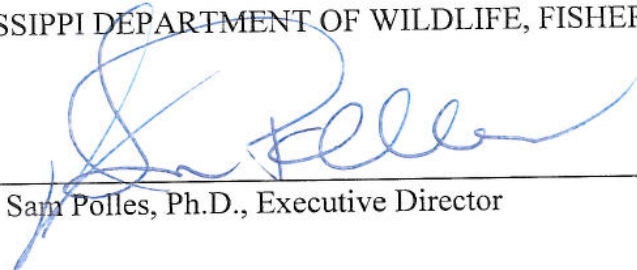
MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:

  
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director